

OLL 83-2212/6
14 November 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Domestic Relocation Expenses

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REFERENCE: MFR, OLL 83-2212/5, Dated 3 November 1983
Subject: Domestic Relocation Legislation

1. Senator John Warner (R., VA) successfully included his "Moving Expense" Bill--S. 1879--in the Continuing Resolution that the President signed this date. Senator Warner, and the Senate, I am told, acceded to a requirement of Representatives Silvio Conte (R., MA) and Thomas P. O'Neill (D., MA) to include a provision authorizing agencies to utilize commercial relocation services in accomplishing domestic PCS relocations. Having done so, both Chambers accepted Senator Warner's Bill, as amended, within the Continuing Resolution. The moving expense provision of the Bill amends Title 5, United States Code, and therefore is permanent legislation.

2. In sum, the Bill provides for:


- Moving expense coverage for political appointees (not previously available);
- Agency and department authorization to enter into contracts to provide relocation services for transferring employees, such services to include, but not to be limited to, arranging for the purchase of a transferred employee's residence;
- Reimbursement of all Federal, State, and local income taxes incurred in the process of accomplishing the domestic PCS reassignment, vice no previous provision;
- Increased household effects authorization of 18,000 pounds, vice 11,000 pounds;
- POV mileage of "not to exceed" \$.20 per mile, vice no previous POV mileage reimbursement;

- 60 days temporary lodging allowance at the new post, vice 30 days;
- 60 additional days of temporary lodging allowance, if appropriately approved, vice 30 days;
- Reimbursement of residential acquisition costs at the new post of not to exceed 5% of the purchase price or \$7,500, whichever is less, vice 5% or \$5,000;
- An annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment; and
- Reimbursement of residence selling costs of not to exceed 10% of the sale price or \$15,000, whichever is less (no change).

3. The Continuing Resolution is effective today. The President has 30 days from the date of enactment--today--to issue implementing regulations.

4. The Deputy Director for Administration should endeavor to positively influence the General Services Administration and/or the Office of Personnel Management as they draft the administrative regulations that will implement this legislation. The beneficial impact of this moving expense bill could easily be lost by overly-restrictive implementing regulations. We must, therefore, do everything we can to guard against this happening..

5. Attached are the House and Senate passages of Senator Warner's Bill, as amended.


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